

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4 are pending in the application; reexamination and reconsideration are hereby requested.

1. The cross-reference paragraph has been amended to correct the errors found by the Examiner and also to cite the co-assigned cofiled applications.

2. The specification was objected to as having a sentence in active voice in paragraph 2 on page 5 which is inconsistent with the rest of the application in passive voice.

Applicant replies that the application mixes active and passive voice in general (e.g., pages 12 et seq. describing the claimed invention), and there is no inconsistency.

3. Claims 1-4 were rejected as directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 1-4: Independent claims 1 and 3-4 have been amended to relate to the practical applications of encoding and decoding speech with an algebraic codebook.

Respectfully submitted,

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